

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed July 20, 2011, and the prior art relied upon, have been carefully reviewed. Claims 14-29, as well as withdrawn claims 11 and 12, remain in the application, and the Applicants believe and respectfully submit that the claims define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance are therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 18 and 19 have been rejected under the first paragraph of §112. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicants believe that claims 18 and 19 as previously submitted are supported by and should be clear from Applicants' specification, claims 18 and 19 have nevertheless been amended to obviate the rejection.

Withdrawal of the rejection is in order and is respectfully requested.

Some minor amendments have been made in main independent claims 14 and 15 in paragraph (e) for purposes of clarity. No changes in scope are intended or made.

Claims 14 and 15 have been further amended to add the technical feature of "the difference in the melt viscosity between the thermoplastic resins and the edge-forming thermoplastic resin is at most 3000 poise at a 100 sec⁻¹ shear rate."

Claims 14, 18 and 19 have been rejected as obvious under §103 from Peiffer in view of Komoda. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons of record, respectfully repeated by reference, and for the additional reasons set forth below.

Peiffer neither describes nor suggests "the difference in the melt viscosity between the thermoplastic resins and the edge-forming thermoplastic resin at a 100 sec⁻¹ share rate", which is a feature the subject matter of the present application. Peiffer only discloses the Melt flow index of polymer. (Column 4, 22 to 25.)

Recognizing that Peiffer does not show the claimed invention, the Examiner has relied on Komoda to allegedly show what Peiffer does not show, it being the Examiner's position that it would have been obvious "to use the technique in the teaching of Komoda with the process in the teaching of Peiffer." Applicants do not agree for the reasons of record, and Applicants further respectfully maintain that even if the proposed combination were obvious, the proposed combination would not result in the claimed subject matter.

In this regard, Komoda neither describes nor suggests "the difference in the melt viscosity between the thermoplastic resins and the edge-forming thermoplastic resin at a 100 sec-1 share rate", which is an important feature of the subject matter of the present application. Further, Komoda neither describes nor suggests an advantage of the present invention, which is to reduce formation of lapping part in order to increase the yield of the intended multilayered unscratched film with minimum cutting off of the intended thermoplastic resins.(As shown in paragraph [0012] and paragraph [0026] of the specification as filed.)

As the combination, even if obvious (contrary to Applicants' position), would not reach the claimed subject matter, withdrawal of the rejection is in order and is respectfully requested.

Claim 16 has been rejected under §103 as obvious from Peiffer in view of Komoda and further in view of Cloren. Claims 20, 21, 24 and 25, and in the alternative claims 18 and 19, have been rejected as obvious under §103 from Peiffer in view of Komoda and Cloren and further in view of Wenz. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The claims rejected in the aforementioned rejections all depend from and incorporate the subject matter of claim 14, and are patentable for the same reasons as pointed out above with respect to claim 14. The subsidiary references added to Peiffer in view of Komoda do not make up for the deficiencies as pointed out above, and therefore

these claims are patentable for the same reasons as pointed out above with respect to claim 14.

Withdrawal of these rejections is in order and is respectfully requested.

Claims 22 and 23 have been rejected as obvious under §103 from Peiffer in view of Komoda, Cloren and Okazaki. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons of record, and for the additional reasons as pointed out below.

Claims 22 and 23 depend from and incorporate directly or indirectly the subject matter of claim 14, and therefore the claim 14 parts of claims 22 and 23 are patentable for the reasons pointed out above.

Okazaki is relied upon to show what is set forth in the dependent parts of claims 22 and 23, and as stated in the rejection as making it obvious to modify Peiffer in view of Komoda and Cloren to provide what is missing in the missing in that three reference combination. Applicants respectfully disagree in part because it would not have been obvious to take bits and pieces of the references which do not teach the person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the various aspects of the diverse references relied upon.

Moreover, Okazaki only discloses the laminated thermoplastic resin. Okazaki neither discloses nor suggests a film having a different resin at the edges. Thus, Okazaki neither describes nor suggests an important advantage of the present invention, which is to reduce formation of lapping part in order to increase the yield of the intended multilayered unscratched film with minimum cutting off of the intended thermoplastic resins. (As shown in paragraph [0012] and paragraph [0026] of the specification as filed.)

Withdrawal of the rejection is in order and is respectfully requested.

Claim 15 has been rejected as obvious under §103 from Peiffer in view of Komoda and further in view of Mori. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the

reasons of record, respectfully repeated by reference, and for the following additional reasons.

Applicants have pointed out above how and why Peiffer in view of Komoda does not lead the person of ordinary skill in the art to the invention of claim 14. Claim 15 calls for the same features as in claim 14, above and beyond that for which Mori is relied upon. Accordingly, the proposed combination, even if it were obvious (respectfully denied), would not meet the subject matter of claim 15.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 17 has been rejected as obvious under §103 from Peiffer in view of Komoda and Mori, and further in view of Cloren. Claims 26 and 27 have been rejected as obvious under §103 from Peiffer in view of Komoda, Mori, Cloren and Okazaki. Claims 28 and 29 have been rejected as obvious under §103 from Peiffer in view of Komoda, Mori, Cloren and Wenz. These rejections are all respectfully traversed for reasons of record, and for the additional reasons pointed out above.

The references, both individually and collectively, not only do not disclose the subject matter and advantages of the present invention, but also do not suggest the subject matter and advantages of the present invention. Applicants resolutely maintain that the motivation to combine the cited references is not in the prior art, but only comes from Applicants' own disclosure. Applicants submit that it is not proper to cobble together a series of isolated pieces from a plurality of diverse references, when there is no unifying reason for doing so.

Withdrawal of these rejections is in order and is respectfully requested.

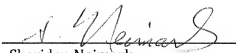
Favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully urged.

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If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions, she is respectfully invited
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